

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

But this problem does not exist at the time of the fixation of the securing arrangement 3 on the measuring system 1, 2 which, as a transport and mounting securing device, does take place prior to the mounting of the measuring system 1, 2 on a machine tool. For this reason the cover surface of the screw head 33 is additionally provided with a cross slit 33a, which permits the operation by a tool 100 when making the clamped connection between the securing arrangement 3 and the support body 1. Note that tool 100 is drawn as a box in FIG. 4b in order to represent a tool in general to interact with cross slit 33a and is not intended to denote any particular type of tool.